• National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day meal programme) to improve nutritional status of student of primary stage.

Cancellation of Passenger Train from Delhi to Kerala

364. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any passenger train from Delhi to Kerala State had been cancelled during the year 2006;

(b) if so, the details including the reasons for the same;

(c) if so, whether the steps would be taken to restore the train/re schedule the train as per the passenger requirements;

(d) whether the steps would be taken to provide more coaches to the passenger train to Kerala during the festival season; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) and (e) Augmentation of trains is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern and availability of stock.

Rail Track between Shikohabad and Farrukhabad

365. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rail track between Shikohabad and Farrukhabad is not fit for running high speed trains;

(b) whether the broad gauge line between Shilokohabad and Farrukhabad and Farrukhabad and Kanpur is under utilized; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken to solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In Shikohabad - Farukhabad section, works for track strengthening and upgradation in accordance with route classification and annual traffic density have already been sanctioned. Works are progressing.

Construction of overbridge at Dumraon Station

†366. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress, so far made in the construction of an overbridge at the Dumraon station under Buxar district in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that building material for the construction of this overbridge is kept at the Station for the last two years but construction work has not taken up as yet; and

(c) if so, the time-frame set for the completion of this work and the reasons for the delay in this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The physical progress of work made so far is 75%.

(b) Part material for construction of Foot over bridge was available but delay took place due to change in the drawing, further arranging of materials as per revised drawing & delay in obtaining Commissioner of Railway Safety sanction.

(c) The work is planned for completion by 31.03.07. Delay took place due to change in the drawing, further arranging of materials as per revised drawing and delay in obtaining Commissioner of Railway safety sanction.

Rail-Kosi Mahasetu

†367. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that target of completion of "Rail-Kosi Mahasetu' at Kosi river in Bihar has been fixed as March, 2009;

(b) whether it is a fact that construction of not even a single pillar of this 40 pillars mega bridge has been constructed as yet despite the fact that its foundation was laid and work was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Railways on 6 August, 2005;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi